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## SCHOOLS EARN CASH IN THIRD WEEK OF TELL

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Kentucky schools and educators earned cash prizes today for their participation in the third week of the [Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning](#) (TELL) Kentucky survey.

Kentucky Education Commissioner Terry Holliday, [Kentucky Education Association](#) (KEA) President Sharron Oxendine, [Kentucky Association of School Administrators](#) (KASA) Marketing/Membership Coordinator Abigale Piper and [KY PTA](#) District President Brenda Martin joined together to randomly draw winners for Week 3 of the survey.

The winners are:

- **Week 3 School:** Eastside Technical Center, Fayette Co.
- **Week 3 Educator:** Casey County Middle

Eastside Technical Center will receive \$1,000 for the school's use. At Casey County Middle, a random drawing will be held to select a school-level educator from the school to receive \$1,000.

As of March 22, the statewide response rate is at 68 percent. To encourage large response rates, KEA, KASA, the Kentucky School Boards Association and Jefferson County Teachers Association contributed prize money for weekly drawings.

Drawings were held last week for Week 1 and Week 2 winners:

- **Week 1, School:** Munfordville Elementary, Hart Co.
- **Week 1, Educator:** Sandy Swift, College View Middle, Daviess Co.
- **Week 2, School:** Bonnieville Elementary, Hart Co.
- **Week 2, Educator:** Teresa Salmen, Longbranch Elementary, Boone Co.

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Every school that reaches a 50 percent response rate will be entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 cash award for the school. Schools that reach 100 percent response rates will be entered into a drawing for a \$1,000 cash award to go to an individual educator. There also will be district-level awards. School and district completion rates are posted on the TELL Kentucky website at [www.tellkentucky.org](http://www.tellkentucky.org).

The TELL (Teaching, Empowering, Leading and Learning) Kentucky Survey provides a unique, anonymous opportunity to gather information about school working conditions from those whose views matter most -- practicing educators.

Through March 25, the TELL survey will be administered to all Kentucky certified educators employed in the state's 174 school districts. The purpose of the survey is to document and analyze how teachers and other educators view their teaching and learning conditions, so that educators, stakeholders and policymakers can make evidence-based decisions on policies and practices that will improve student achievement and teacher retention.

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